

FORT ERSLUNGSCHAN HAS FALLEN.

ENEMY WAS DISLODGED AFTER HARD STRUGGLE

JAPS GAIN ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT TOWARD CAPTURING PORT ARTHUR.

MILITARY EXPERTS SAY THIS CAPTURE WILL HASTEN FALL OF FORTRESS.

(By Publishers' Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain received a telegram from Tokio to-day announcing that the Port Arthur besieging army captured, on Wednesday night, Fort Erlungshan. The capture of the fort is regarded as of the highest importance and will materially hasten the fall of the fortress.

The report received by Baron Hayashi is as follows:

"The Port Arthur besieging army reports having left the centre army at ten A. M. Wednesday, they blew up the parapet in front of Fort Erlungshan, then occupied the parapet by assault. They constructed defensive works under cover of heavy guns and field guns, despite the fire of the enemy. After the placing in position of heavy guns the army proceeded to the gorge of the fort, whence the enemy was eventually dislodged after a stout resistance. The whole fort fell into our hands at 7:30 in the evening."

Later Dispatch.
TOKIO, Dec. 29.—A later dispatch from the commander of the besieging army states that one-third of the Russian garrison of five hundred at the fort escaped.

The Japanese casualties in the capture of the height are estimated at 1,000 killed and wounded.

CAN YOU GUESS

WHAT THE SCENE IN DENHAM'S FURNITURE STORE WINDOW REPRESENTS?

The guessing contest on the window display at Denham's furniture store is attracting the interest it always does each year. All persons going to the store are entitled to one guess free and five guesses are allowed with every ten dollar purchase. One window in the store is carefully and artistically furnished to represent some name and the guesses after taking in the general effect as well as the details, writes his guess on a numbered ticket and slips it in a box which will be opened on next Saturday, December 31, and the prizes awarded to the fortunate ones who divined the true meaning of the display. The first person who makes a correct guess will be given at \$15.00 extension table; the second will be awarded a pretty tea set while the third will be given a rocker.

Mr. Denham's enterprise and pluck have won him many friends in this city who will eagerly look for the outcome of this ingenious contest. The prizes offered are very pretty ones and will no doubt be greatly valued by the fortunate winners. In the meantime people are still using their wits to solve the problem set for them, and many articles leave the store daily as a result of the public's seal of approval after the merits of the goods has been investigated. The window in question has in it a handsome bed room suit, druggets, rugs, curtains, pictures and almost everything pertaining to a bed room. The question looks easy but can you solve it?

A Sad Funeral.

The bodies of Mrs. Pasquah Bell and five-year-old son, who were burned to death yesterday by the explosion of a lamp at their home in Monongah, were removed from the Cook Hospital to Jones' undertaking rooms on Jackson street. The funeral will take place from there about four o'clock this afternoon, the interment being made in the Holy Cross cemetery.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle announce a very important meeting for to-night and a full attendance is desired.

Cooking and heating stoves wanted; must be good and saleable. Brokerage, Storage and Auction Co. x

SEAS WASHING OVER STEAMER'S ICE-CLAD DECKS

CAPTAIN AND CREW CAN BE SEEN SCURRYING TO AND FRO.

EXTREME HARDSHIP WAS SUFFERED LAST NIGHT FROM INTENSE COLD.

(By Publishers' Press.)
PATCHOGUE, N. Y., Dec. 29.—At nine o'clock this morning the British steamer Drumelzier was resting more quietly on the outer bar, three-quarters of a mile off Fire Island Point. The captain and crew are still on board, and can be seen scurrying about the ice-clad decks, over which the seas are washing. A tug has succeeded in getting a heavy hawser to the Drumelzier and can remove the captain and crew should the captain's obstinacy, which prevented him abandoning the vessel on Monday morning, moderate sufficiently to cause him to leave the vessel. The surf continues too high to permit the launching of the life boats, and no attempt to communicate with the Drumelzier in this way may be made to-day. It is impossible to learn the extent of the damage to the vessel, but it is believed she is in bad condition, and no attempt to help her can be made before the sea subsides sufficiently to permit the lightening of the cargo.

The crew on board last night suffered extreme hardships because of the water filled cabin and the intense cold.

Great South Bay, which must be crossed to reach Fire Island, is filled with floating ice and the greatest difficulty is encountered in securing news from the scene of the wreck, which is accessible only by telephone relays over the thirty mile stretch of the beach to the mainland.

Last night \$100 could not induce bay men to cross the treacherous ten miles extent of the bay to visit the beach, and reporters are strung along the southside of the island in a desperate but futile attempt to reach Fire Island.

NO WHIPPING

TO BE ALLOWED IN NEW YORK PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS MEANS OF DISCIPLINE.

(By Publishers' Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There will be no whipping in New York's elementary public schools. By a vote of 22 to 15 the Board of education yesterday decided not to permit corporal punishment in a moderate form as a mode of discipline in these schools. The report of the minority of the committee on elementary schools first came up at the Board's meeting yesterday. It favored the corporal punishment of refractory pupils and the Board rejected it by a vote of 22 to 15. Then it adopted the majority report.

RUSSIAN WOMEN

HAVE BEEN PUT ON DUTY AT AT SIGNALLING STATIONS—MEN HAVE GONE TO WAR.

(By Publishers' Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—All departments of work on Russia's 25 State railways, including signalling, have been opened to women, of whom 22,000 are already employed. This move on the part of the government is caused by the drafting of all available men for war purposes.

TIONA, \$1.65

And Pennsylvania Crude \$1.50 According to the Changes Announced.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—The Standard Oil Company this morning announced the following changes in prices for crude oil: Tiona, \$1.65; Pennsylvania Crude, \$1.50; Second Sand Pennsylvania Crude, \$1.49; New Castle, \$1.42.

Cabel county, \$1.25; Corning, \$1.17; North Lima, \$1.01; South Lima, .96; Somerset, .91; Ragland, .58.

PURITAN HAS BROKEN WHEEL IN HEAVY SEA

MANY PASSENGERS ARE ABOARD THE BIG SIDE-WHEEL STEAMER.

WINDS WERE BLOWING AT FORTY MILES AN HOUR WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

(By Publishers' Press.)
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—Great anxiety is felt here to-day for the big sound steamer Puritan, bound from Fall River to New York, which was reported early to-day at anchor off Stonington, with a broken wheel in a heavy sea, and with the wind blowing forty miles an hour.

The information as to the peril of the steamer came through the wireless telegraph station at Point Judith. The message said that the freight steamer Boston, of the same line, had been signalled and had gone to the assistance of the big passenger boat.

It is understood that a rod in the wheel of the Puritan broke, preventing her from continuing her trip. The accident occurred between one and two o'clock.

By long distance telephone it was learned from Point Judith this morning that at 7:30 o'clock the Puritan was still at anchor where the accident occurred. So far as could be learned the vessel was not aground. The wind had moderated to twenty miles an hour.

The big boat had passed through the rough waters of Point Judith and was off Watch Hill when the break to the wheel occurred. There is a good complement of passengers on board.

The steamer Puritan is one of the biggest side-wheelers in the world, and is second in size in the Fall River fleet.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 29.—Officials of the Fall River Line have been advised that the steamer Puritan, which was disabled off Watch Hill last night by the breaking of a rod on a wheel, is being towed to New London by the freighter Boston, of the same line.

SOUTHERN FARMERS BURN COTTON

DESPERATION DRIVES FARMERS OF GEORGIA TO PUT MATCH TO PILES OF COTTON.

(By Publishers' Press.)
FORT GAINES, Ga., Dec. 29.—As the result of a mass meeting of farmers yesterday, 400 or 500 bales of cotton were piled up in front of a warehouse of Fort Gaines to be carried to the public square and burned. This is only the first of a large number of similar fires that will be kindled in the cotton growing States with the object of forcing up the price of cotton. The cotton burned was pro-rated among the farmers represented at the mass meeting, some of whom are among the largest cotton raisers in Georgia.

FIST FIGHT

TWO PROMINENT YOUNG MEN CAME TO KNOCKS ON SIDE—WALK YESTERDAY.

(By Publishers' Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Rutherford Corbin, son of Major General H. C. Corbin, and Jasper Wilson, private secretary and son of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture had a fist fight last evening on the sidewalk in front of the Shoreham hotel. Bad blood is said to have existed between them for several months, originating when young Corbin, who now lives in New York, was engaged in newspaper work here.

The two yesterday, according to several versions of the encounter, had some words and fell to fighting. Wilson sustained a bruised forehead and had his overcoat torn, while Corbin received a Jitsu tumble on the pavement.

Both combatants were going well and fighting freely when, Wilson, desirous of ending hostilities, out-generated Corbin by landing a final whack, and during his opponent's recovery, beating a masterly retreat through the turnstile door of the Shoreham buffet. Corbin, who is re-

EXPORTS HAVE TREBLED IN PAST TEN YEARS

UNITED STATES SHOPS SELL FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN GOODS.

THE PRODUCTS OF MINES SHOW INCREASE OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

(By Publishers' Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Exports of manufactured articles from the United States will this year probably exceed \$500,000,000. The record for the eleven months of the year, which, according to a report made public to-day by the Department of Commerce and Labor foots up the enormous total of \$450,750,023, which is considerably larger than the value of the exports of 1900, which counted \$417,600,000 and held the record up to the present year.

Ten years ago our exports were less than a third of what they are now.

The Department's report says that the increase in the exports of manufactured goods this year will very nearly effect the phenomenal reduction in exports of agricultural products. The shortage in our own wheat supply, coupled with the unusually large surplus in other countries have caused the exports in breadstuffs from the United States to fall off greatly in the last year. The products of our mines, on the other hand, show an increase of \$3,000,000 for the export trade, and the products of the forests \$1,000,000.

On the import side of the account, the total for eleven months this year was \$929,381,659, as against \$917,725,693 in the corresponding months of last year. The greatest increase in imports occurred in articles chiefly of sugar and coffee.

Kindly Remembered.

The regular men on the city line of the Fairmont and Clarksburg street railway system are very grateful to Mr. C. E. Reed. This gentleman remembered each motorman and conductor in a substantial manner, for which they return thanks.

FIENDS KILL TWO WOMEN AFTER ASSAULTING THEM

HORRIFYING STORY COMES FROM ARKANSAS OF TERRIBLE DOUBLE MURDER.

WOMAN'S SUN BONNET WAS SET ON FIRE BY BRUTE'S PISTOL SHOT.

(By Publishers' Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 29.—A fiendish double murder was committed Tuesday near Newport, Ark., in daytime. Mrs. James Kincanon and her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Mauldin, while walking on the Rock Island track to Jacksonport, where Mr. Mauldin is lying ill, were assaulted and killed by unknown men. The murder was discovered within a few minutes after it was committed, yet the police have no clue.

The body of Mrs. Kincanon was thrown into White river, and that of Mrs. Mauldin was found under a railroad bridge, with a bullet hole in her head. She had been criminally assaulted. Her sun bonnet was still on fire, caused by the close proximity of the pistol.

The women were seen to pass a house nearby and two shots were heard in the direction in which they went. The police are hunting burglars who robbed a jewelry store at Newport the night before. They believe that these men are the murderers.

COALING STATION

FOR JAPAN AT BRITISH EAST INDIES IS ASKED FOR BY BARON HAYASHI.

(By Publishers' Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 29.—The Post hears that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, has inquired whether facilities can be given for coaling the Japanese warships at the British East Indies. The Japanese will provide their own fuel, but the harbor for coaling and facilities are desired.

Continuing the Post says: "It is difficult to see how the Japanese can be refused in view of the many advantages the Russian Baltic fleet enjoyed while on the passage to the eastward."

Fear Insanity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Nan Patterson's father, who spent the greater part of yesterday with his daughter in the tombs, said after leaving her that he feared she was going insane. "She is broken down completely," he said. "I tell you, my little girl is a physical and mental wreck. I am afraid that her mind is giving way under the dreadful strain. She is worse than she was when she collapsed after hearing of the jury's disagreement. I have sent for our family physician."

Mr. Maguire was sent for later, and after examining Miss Patterson, said: "Miss Patterson is in a highly nervous and even hysterical condition, but in my judgment there need be no fear of insanity from present indications. She laughs a good deal, but the laughter is more of a hysterical character than from any impulse that would appear like insanity. She needs good care and constant watchfulness and companionship. The latter as we all know, cannot be very well supplied in prison."

Real Estate Transfers.

Deed dated Oct. 29, 1904, by Alva J. Ice and wife to William T. Ice, 103 1/2 acres of land situated on Quaker Fork, of Binghamon creek; consideration, \$2,500.

Deed made Dec. 20, 1904, by Elizabeth Morris and husband to Worthy H. Post, lot No. 23 and part of lot No. 22, in block 157, Fourth ward, Fairmont; consideration, 7 1/2 acres of land lying on the Monongahela river.

Births Recorded.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Merrifield, near Rivesville, October 6, a daughter.

Repairing and upholstering of furniture a specialty. Brokerage, Storage and Auction Co. x

Marriage License.

Wesley Satterfield, 20, and Agnes Fleming, 22, both of Marion county.

THREE DEAD AS RESULT OF MORNING FIRE

THREE PEOPLE OF WEALTHY FAMILY ARE VICTIMS OF FIRE'S FURY.

OLD HOMESTEAD BURNED IN LIVINGSTONE COUNTY, NEW YORK.

(By Publishers' Press.)
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The McMillan farm house in Livingstone county, at the head of Conesus Lake, was burned at four o'clock this morning. Three members of the McMillan family were burned to death. The dead:

FRANK McMILLAN, aged 76.
MISS LOTTIE McMILLAN, age 68.
CHARLES McMILLAN, nephew of Frank McMillan, aged 49.

One sister, Miss Luna McMillan, aged 65, and a servant, Miss Mary Brennan, escaped in their night clothes and are now at a neighbor's house suffering from shock and exposure.

The McMillan homestead was one of the oldest in Livingstone county. Frank McMillan, who was the head of the family, is estimated to have been worth between \$300,000 and \$400,000. The only surviving relative of the McMillans, aside from his nephew, Miss Luna, is a brother, Major James McMillan, of Georgetown, D. C.

The buildings on the farm were totally destroyed, and the aggregate loss will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

BASKET BALL

INTERESTING GAME WILL BE PULLED OFF BETWEEN MANNINGTON AND LOCAL TEAM.

Mannington and the local Y. M. C. A. basket ball teams will clash at the association rooms at 8 o'clock this evening. People are becoming more and more interested in this fascinating sport, and a large crowd is expected to witness the game. The local players say that they are reasonably certain that Mannington has one man who does not play on their team regularly, and it is thought that he is a certain college player who has quite a reputation in this line. This is permissible, and no objection will be raised, as the locals say lots can be learned from a player who thoroughly understands the game.

To-morrow the town team goes to Morgantown to play varsity, and while they can hardly expect to win, they will give a good account of themselves.

Blaze Caused Excitement.

A small blaze in a Main street business house created excitement for a few minutes this morning. The place was beautifully decorated for Christmas and a photographer wanted a picture of the store. He went to the place about eleven o'clock this morning and proceeded to get busy. The pictures were to be taken by flashlight and when the explosive was lit, the inflammable window decorations caught the flames. Not much damage was done, but the prompt work of attaches undoubtedly saved a serious conflagration. The department was not called.

Oratory at Weston.

A lawyer at Weston made use of the following advanced rhetoric recently while trying to make the railroad pay for killing a cow:

"If the train had been run as it should have been run, or if the bell had been rung as it should have been rung, or if the whistle had been blown as it should have been blown, both of which they did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

I have some fine lots in Morrow Place yet. H. H. Lanham. x

THE WEATHER.

Warmer To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair to-night and Friday; warmer Friday.